



# Indiana Crop & Weather Report

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## FINAL 2000 REPORT

### CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 5



#### AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

Farmers took advantage of the favorable weather and ideal field conditions to harvest corn and soybeans last week. Soybean harvest is virtually complete in most of the northern and central regions of the state. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Corn harvest is about 2 weeks ahead of average, but 1 week behind last year's pace. Winter wheat seeding is nearing completion in most areas of the state. Fall tillage is complete, or underway in many fields. Major activities during the week included harvesting corn and soybeans, hauling grain, seeding winter wheat, tilling soils, chopping stalks, equipment cleaning and repair, applying fertilizer, spreading lime and care of livestock.

#### FIELD CROPS REPORT

Ninety-two percent of the corn acreage has been **harvested** compared with 98 percent last year and 79 percent for the 5-year average. By region, 94 percent of the corn acreage is harvested in the north, 91 percent in the central region and 90 percent in the south. **Moisture** content of harvested corn is averaging 16 percent.

Ninety-seven percent of the soybean acreage is **harvested** compared with 99 percent last year and 95 percent for the average. By region, 99 percent of the soybean acreage is harvested in the north, 99 percent in the central region and 89 percent in the south. **Moisture** content of harvested soybeans is averaging around 11 percent.

Ninety-eight percent of the **winter wheat** acreage is **seeded**, compared with 98 percent a year earlier and 96 percent for the average. Eighty percent of the winter wheat acreage is **emerged** compared with 84 percent last year and 81 percent for the 5-year average. Winter wheat **condition** is rated 73 percent good to excellent compared with 56 percent a year ago at this time.

#### LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT

**Pasture condition** is rated 8 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 31 percent fair, 8 percent poor and 1 percent very poor. Pastures are in good condition in most areas. Livestock remain in mostly good condition.

#### CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Percent				
Corn Harvested	92	78	98	79
Soybeans Harvested	97	92	99	95
Winter Wheat Seeded	98	91	98	96
Winter Wheat Emerged	80	67	84	81

#### CROP CONDITION TABLE

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Pasture	1	8	31	52	8
Winter Wheat	0	2	25	60	13

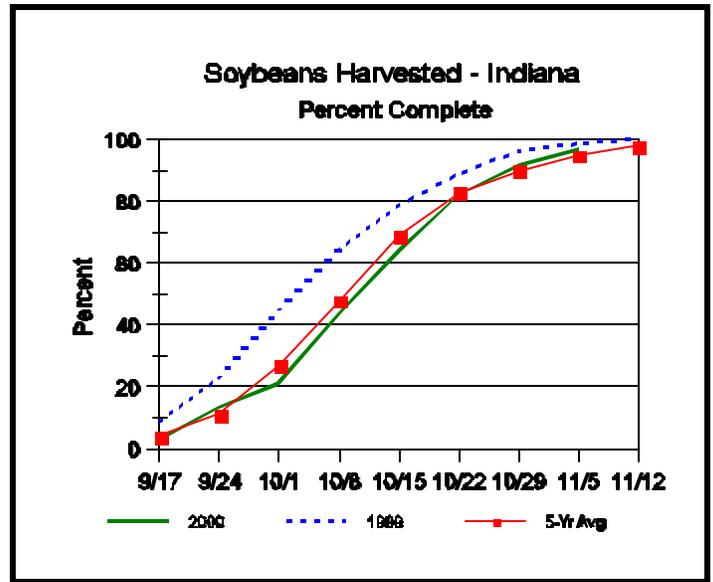
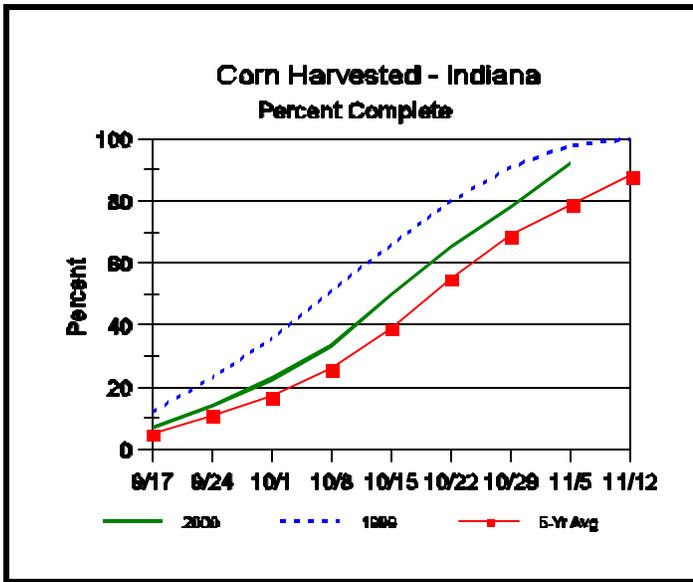
#### SOIL MOISTURE & DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Percent			
<b>Topsoil</b>			
Very Short	4	2	22
Short	22	13	49
Adequate	69	77	29
Surplus	5	8	0
<b>Subsoil</b>			
Very Short	8	6	39
Short	21	19	46
Adequate	66	68	15
Surplus	5	7	0
<b>Days Suitable</b>	6.7	6.4	6.3

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# Crop Progress

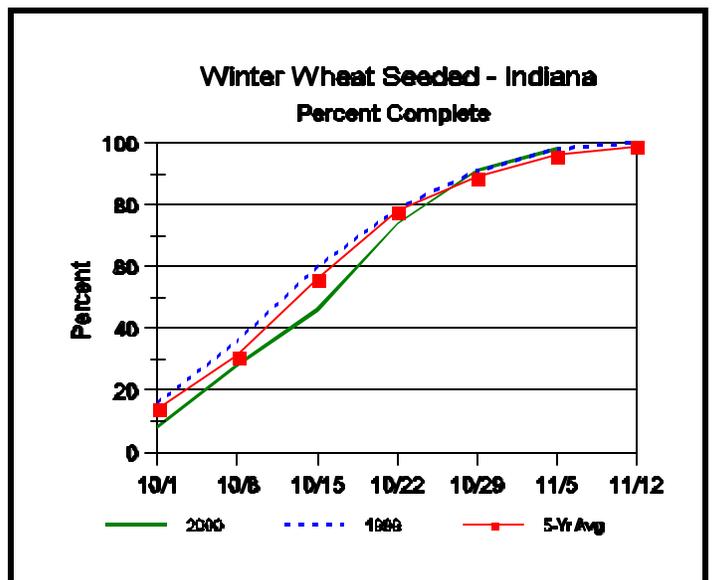


## Other Agricultural Comments And News

### Changes In Pesticide Program Benefit Farmers

Farmers renewing their pesticide applicator permits may do so in the future by attending recertification programs provided by Purdue Extension.

Under the new system, local county Extension educators hold meetings on pesticide-related topics throughout the year, rather than teach basic courses from a manual. The programs count toward credit for renewing pesticide applicator permits.



Farmers attending three programs in five years can renew their permits without retaking the certification exam. A maximum of two programs in one year can be credited toward recertification.

The programs may cover traditional pesticide issues or new concerns. "In the past, Extension educators taught from a Purdue manual that was used across the state. There was little flexibility to cover local or emerging pesticide issues," says Fred Whitford, coordinator of Purdue Pesticide Programs.

Starting this fall, farmers whose permits expire at the end of the year will receive letters explaining the new system. Their permits will be extended for five years if they pay a \$10 permit fee, according to Dave Scott, pesticide administrator with the Office of the Indiana State Chemist located at Purdue.

The cost of the program will not go up. Each recertification program will cost \$10. If a farmer attends three programs and pays \$10 for the permit, then the cost is still \$40 every five years.

Scott says farmers have a say in what is taught in pesticide application courses. "Farmers can drive the content," he says. "Tell your local educator what you need to know."

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# Weather Information Table

**Week ending Sunday November 5, 2000**

Station	Past Week Weather Summary Data							Accumulation				
	Air Temperature				Precip.		Avg	April 1, 2000 thru November 5, 2000				
							4 in	Precipitation		GDD Base 50°F		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN
<b>Northwest (1)</b>												
Valparaiso_Ag	70	34	54	+8	0.00	0		27.20	-0.56	87	3051	+105
Wanatah	72	27	51	+6	0.00	0	53	28.09	+1.59	81	2864	+73
Wheatfield	73	34	53	+9	0.05	1		26.06	+0.67	68	3115	+269
Winamac	71	29	52	+7	0.11	1	55	25.03	-0.55	75	3022	+85
<b>North Central (2)</b>												
Logansport	70	30	51	+6	0.03	1		27.04	+2.08	81	3112	+79
Plymouth	71	31	51	+6	0.00	0		28.01	+1.60	85	2899	-197
South_Bend	71	32	52	+7	0.00	0		24.39	-1.45	88	3011	+110
Young_America	72	32	53	+9	0.00	0		24.79	-0.17	72	3200	+167
<b>Northeast (3)</b>												
Bluffton	74	30	52	+6	0.00	0	50	26.50	+2.16	81	3114	-27
Fort_Wayne	73	30	51	+6	0.00	0		27.58	+4.77	76	3098	+49
<b>West Central (4)</b>												
Crawfordsville	76	28	55	+7	0.00	0	57	28.00	+1.18	70	3036	-243
Perrysville	79	32	56	+10	0.33	1	58	26.33	-0.30	78	3318	+110
Terre_Haute_Ag	80	36	58	+10	0.00	0	60	35.70	+8.70	75	3797	+360
W_Lafayette_6NW	77	30	55	+9	0.00	0	56	22.90	-2.34	82	3286	+252
<b>Central (5)</b>												
Castleton	73	32	55	+8	0.05	1		34.08	+8.07	90	3304	-89
Greenfield	74	31	56	+9	0.10	1		33.48	+5.73	84	3337	+72
Greensburg	76	34	56	+9	0.14	1		33.50	+6.51	85	3460	+280
Indianapolis_AP	73	33	57	+10	0.00	0		28.91	+3.64	72	3563	+163
Indianapolis_SE	71	35	55	+8	0.02	1		31.88	+5.87	74	3220	-173
Tipton_Ag	72	30	53	+8	0.00	0	53	27.03	+0.90	74	2935	+2
<b>East Central (6)</b>												
Farmland	77	26	52	+7	0.12	1	49	32.00	+7.13	82	3018	+159
New_Castle	74	28	52	+7	0.02	1		30.02	+3.34	74	2719	-213
<b>Southwest (7)</b>												
Dubois_Ag	80	34	59	+10	0.00	0	62	29.74	+0.45	79	3798	+313
Evansville	81	34	61	+10	0.03	2		26.24	+0.46	76	4119	+153
Freelandville	80	37	59	+10	0.04	1		34.87	+8.12	66	3716	+163
Shoals	82	30	59	+10	0.00	0		33.43	+4.42	76	3538	+93
Vincennes_5NE	82	34	59	+11	0.00	0	58	36.50	+9.87	74	3770	+217
<b>South Central (8)</b>												
Bloomington	76	36	57	+9	0.12	1		34.47	+7.60	68	3391	-118
Tell_City	83	37	62	+11	0.05	1		28.55	-0.63	62	4044	+196
<b>Southeast (9)</b>												
Scottsburg	80	29	55	+7	0.02	1		34.52	+6.98	69	3686	+150

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).  
 GDD = Growing Degree Days.  
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.  
 Precipitation Days = Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.  
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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## Changes In Pesticide Program Benefit Farmers ( Continued )

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Farmers who do not attend three training sessions in five years must take a pesticide exam to receive a new permit. The test for the permit is given at Purdue on monthly scheduled test days or at regional sites around the state.

Farmers without a permit will need to obtain a manual and teach themselves the basics, or attend pesticide applicator training sessions at Purdue, and then pass the exam. The Purdue Pesticide CORE manual (publication PPP-C) may be purchased from Purdue by calling (765) 494-6795.

Information about the approved pesticide recertification program is available at County Extension Offices or by phone. The Program Line, operational after Nov. 1, is (800) 319-3090.

Additional information is available on the Internet at <http://www.btny.purdue.edu/PPP/PA>.

Comments on Ag Answers? Story Ideas? Please share them with Steve Leer ([sleer@aes.purdue.edu](mailto:sleer@aes.purdue.edu)), Ag Answers Writer/Editor, Agricultural Communication Service, Purdue University.

Specific questions about livestock, crops, weeds, gardens, trees, insects, etc., should be referred to Cooperative Extension Service offices, which are located in every county in the United States. Extension offices can provide answers that specifically address local questions and problems.

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